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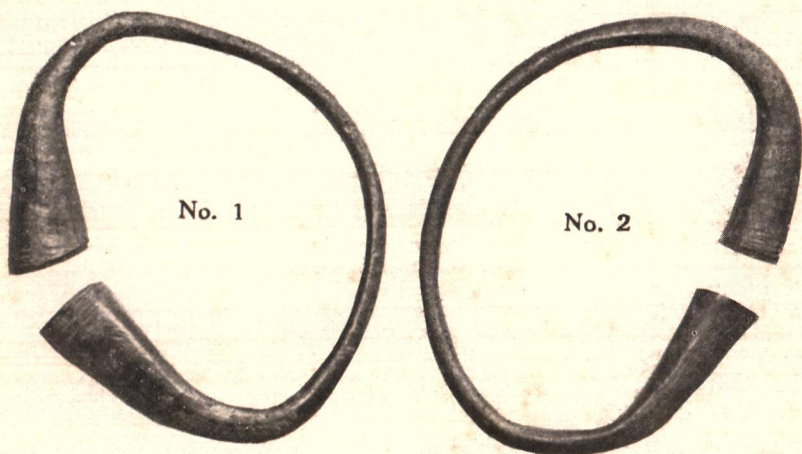
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The Origin of Shilling.

By AL. M. RACKUS, M. D.

If a numismatist is more than a mere coin collector, he craves for knowledge, and he studies the coins not only from historical, metrological, artistic and archaeological points of view, but he also is interested in the etymology of the names applied to different coins.

In different countries coins bear different names. However, occasionally we get Scandinavian copper skillings, old German or Swiss silver schillings, old Polish silver and copper szelongs, old Bulgarian skulenzi, old Italian scellinos, old Lithuanian silver and copper sulinkis, etc., and we often wonder why those names sound very much like the well-known English shilling. Where did it originate? What is the etymology of the term?



The typical bronze ring money called "Sulinkis," or "Shilling," found in the ancient burial mounds of Lithuania.

That the term "shilling" is of great antiquity we learn from the ancient chroniclers. Historian Sabbatini says that in the archives of the Annunciation Church, in Naples there are several Gothic receipts from the fifth and sixth centuries mentioning silver shillings. In Aelfric's Gram. I (z) 296, C 1000, we find written "Fif penezas zemaciad aenne scylling." In old Anglo-Saxon chronicles of A. D. 777, published by Gibson, there is written "xxx scyllynge penega"; and in the chronicles of A. D. 852 we find "thrittiga scillinga."* Therefore we can safely conclude that shillings existed long before the Christian era.

Concerning the etymology of the word shilling, Mr. Albert R. Frey, in his "Dictionary of Numismatic Names," states that the etymology of the term is in doubt. Other well known authorities also are of same opinion. But there are some philologists who try to give some kind of an explanation. There are some who think that the word shilling is derived from the Gothic

*Edm. Gibson: "Chronicon Saxonicum seu annales rerum in Anglia gestarum A. D. 1-1154," Oxford, 1692.

root skillan, meaning "to ring," "to sound." Others say that the term comes from the Teutonic root skel, meaning "to divide." Some advanced the theory that it might be derived from the Swedish skilje-mynt, or from the Danish skille-mynt, meaning "small," i. e., "divisible change or money." Still other etymologists tried to convince that this term is derived from the old German root scild, meaning "a shield," because of some old coins that bear the image of a shield. Many believe that the term shilling is corrupted from the Latin word solidus. All those pseudo-proofs sound beautiful, but they are too fantastic, very contradictory and, in my opinion, as such cannot be accepted.

Mr. Frey and other state that a coin bearing the name shilling originally appears in the Baltic provinces, i. e., in Lithuania, Latvia, Livo-Estthonia. Then it would be logical for us to look for the etymology of the term shilling in the Baltic languages. Of all the Baltic languages, Lithuanian is the purest and oldest existing language in Europe, and it is nearest to Sanskrit, which is considered by philologists as "the mother language of all the languages." Being a native of Lithuania, I know the Lithuanian language thoroughly. I am an ardent student of numismatics in general, but naturally I pay more attention to the numismatics and archaeology of Lithuania. Therefore, may I be permitted to express my views on the etymology of the term shilling.

In Lithuania there are numerous ancient burial mounds, where people occasionally find bronze ring money. I have some specimens of the Lithuanian bronze ring money in my collection, and, as you will see from the illustration, the Lithuanian type of ring money differs somewhat from that of Ireland. That the ring money is the oldest metal money of the world is an established fact.** Bronze ring money is the oldest money in Lithuania and northern Europe also. Lithuanian peasants call the bronze ring money sulinkis, meaning "a bracelet" or "a ring." The Lithuanian word linkis means "a single ring of a chain," and no doubt the English word link and Swedish lank is derived from the Lithuanian linkis. The Lithuanian word ause-linkis means "an earring"; pus-linkis means "half circle" or "an arch." If a peasant offers a ring to his neighbor he says "se linki." The verb sulinkti means "to bend," and bronze ring money is nothing but a bent piece of a bronze wire. Considering the facts that ring money is the oldest metal money in Europe, and that the Lithuanian word for bracelet or ring money is sulinkis, and that the Lithuanian language is the oldest language in Europe, therefore, I am convinced that the term shilling is derived from the Lithuanian sulinkis. Mr. Frey and others are not mistaken when they state that shilling originated in the Baltic provinces. Anglo-Saxons, Teutons, Scandinavians and other nations having commercial relations with the Baltic countries borrowed the term shilling from the Lithuanian people.

In Lithuania, Germany and in other countries there are many families having their names spelled Silinkis, Schilling or Shilling. And their genealogy shows that their ancestors were ancient Prussians. Readers must distinguish the ancient Prussians, as a race, from the modern Prussians. Ancient Prussia is a branch of the Lithuanian nation, and their language was the same as Lithuanian. But after the advent of the Teutonic Order (the Crusaders) into the Baltic provinces the Prussians were conquered, some were enslaved and completely Germanized. This is the reason why there are so many Herrn Schillings in Germany.

**See "Das älteste Geld—Blätter für Münzfreunde No. 3, 1844." Also "Smith's Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Coins of the World, 1886."

TURKEY HAS NEW GOLD COIN.

The first gold coins of the Turkish Republic are now in circulation, says a press dispatch from Constantinople. The reopening of the mint there was celebrated with impressive ceremonies, and the first coin minted under the new regime, a 5-lira piece (worth about \$22), was sent to President Mustapha Kemal at Angora. Gold, common enough before the great war, dropped out of circulation and now has eight times the value of paper money. During the war Turkey lost a great amount of her gold, as her Arabian and Syrian troops refused payment in any other form.

Descriptive List of Obsolete Paper Money.

By D. C. WISMER, Hatfield, Pa.

PART I—Embracing the Circulating Notes Issued by State Banks, Private Banks, Bankers and Corporations.

Abbreviations { R.—Right end illustration.
C.—Central illustration on note.
L.—Left end illustration.

(The publication of this list was begun June, 1922.)

MASSACHUSETTS (Continued).

BOSTON (Continued).

Bank of Commerce.

- 127. \$1. C., a red die, ONE repeated in a circle around it. R., portrait of Judge Story, 1 above. L., an Indian and a shield, ONE above.
- 128. \$1. C., train of cars. R., male portrait, 1 above. L., male portrait, 1 above.
- 129. \$2. C., an eagle on the limb of a tree. R., female portrait, 2 above. L., male portrait, 2 above.
- 130. \$2. C., 2 on a red die, TWO repeated in a circle around it. R., portrait of Judge Story, 2 above. L., ship, 2 above.
- 131. \$3. C., 3 on a red die, THREE repeated in a circle around it. R., male portrait, 3 above. L., sailor leaning on a capstan, THREE above.
- 132. \$3. C., spread eagle on a shield, view of Boston. R., Mercury soaring in clouds, 3 above. L., male portrait, 3 above.
- 133. \$3. C., spread eagle, train and ships. R., Indian seated holding bow, 3 above. L., female seated holding key, ship at right and left, 3 above. THREE in red and slate.
- 134. \$5. C., spread eagle, and city. R., male portrait, 5 above. L., male portrait, 5 above.
- 135. \$5. R., men gathering and loading hay, two oxen hitched to wagon, 5 above. L., men driving cattle into a river, 5 below; 5 outlined in red lathework covering note.
- 136. \$10. C., steamship and other vessels. R., male portrait, 10 above. L., three females on a cliff, looking toward center, 10 below.
- 137. \$20. C., view of Custom House in Boston. R., Goddess of Liberty, 20 above. L., male portrait, 20 below.
- 138. \$50. C., an angel in clouds blowing a trumpet, globe, eagle, and flags. R., portrait of Washington, 50 above. L., a sailor, anchor, flag, bale and barrel, 50 above.
- 139. \$100. C., three females reclining in clouds. R., female portrait, 100 above. L., male portrait, C below.
- 140. \$500. C., an Indian princess seated, shield, eagle, and flags. R., a female seated in clouds, 500 above. L., male portrait, D below.
- 141. \$1000. C., male portrait. R., 1000 in scrolls. L., a female seated on a barrel and leaning on a bale; vessels, 1000 below.

Bank of Mutual Redemption.

(Opened in 1858. Became the National Bank of Redemption in 1864.)

- 142. \$3. Have no description.
- 143. \$10. Have no description.

Used Perkins stereotype steel plates on all its notes, as far as known, which had the denomination printed in small letters all over the note.

Bank of North America.

- 144. \$1. C., 1. R., female erect with a shield, arm on a figure 1; ONE below. L., female reclining with arm on a bale; barrel, horn of plenty, cars, canal and vessels; 1 below.
- 145. \$1. C., 1. R., Indian female, trees and rocks, 1 above. L., female reclining on bale; canal, cars and ships; 1 below.
- 146. \$2. R., State arms, 2 above. L., sailor seated holding a telescope; two barrels, bale, and ship; 2 below.
- 147. \$2. C., 2. R., Goddess of Liberty, shield and scales, 2 above. L., sailor with spyglass; barrel, bale, compass and ships; 2 below.
- 148. \$3. C., two females and bust of Washington, 3 at right. R., sailor aloft with spyglass in left hand, right hand hold of stay, THREE above. L., 3 below.
- 149. \$3. R., female holding flag in clouds and surrounded by three cherubs, 3 above. L., Indian female on left of a shield, surmounted by a bust, female erect on the right, THREE below.
- 150. \$3. C., United States shield surmounted by an eagle, Liberty seated at right, Ceres seated at left. R., female portrait, THREE on 3 above. L., portrait of Webster, 3 above; THREE in red.
- 151. \$5. C., a spread eagle resting on a shield; steamship and vessel. R., female seated holding disc with 5 on it, cherub on left of disc. L., same as right, but cherub at right of disc.
- 152. \$5. C., two females seated on bale of cotton; factories, cotton field, etc. R., seal of city of Boston, 5 above. L., female, FIVE above.
- 153. \$10. C., female seated, resting on shield; eagle, and steamship. R., eagle, 10 above. L., female with scroll, a child at her feet, TEN below.
- 154. \$10. C., 10. R., Indian female erect, holding bow and spear, TEN above. L., train, building, and steamboat, TEN below.
- 155. \$20. C., female seated each side of an oval view; boxes, bales, steamboat and railroad. R., sailor standing, capstan and barrels, 20 above. L., female seated, 20 above.
- 156. \$20. C., two females seated each side of a shield. R., Goddess of Liberty resting on a shield, 20 above. L., female seated on a rock, 20 above.
- 157. \$50. C., female seated crowning an eagle and holding a portrait of Washington; boxes, bales, ship and railroad; 50 at each side. R., female seated and sailor standing, boxes, bales, etc. L., milkmaid seated with a pail, farmer erect holding grain.
- 158. \$100. C., steamship, ships, etc. R., female erect, anchor, etc., 100 above. L., female erect leaning on a shield, 100 above.
- 159. \$500. C., female flying in clouds with an eagle and shield. R., Indian female seated on a rock and holding a pappoose in her lap, 500 above. L., female seated holding a wreath and scales; eagle, shield, etc.; 500 above.

Bank of the Metropolis, First. (Closed in 1863).

- 160. \$1. C., portrait of Columbus, 1 each side. R., ONE on lathework across. L., same as right.
- 161. \$2. C., portrait of Washington. R., TWO, TWO above and below. L., State arms, 2 above.
- 162. \$3. C., State House, State arms at left, 3 at right. R. and L., THREE on lathework across.
- 163. \$5. C., Signing the Declaration of Independence. R., State arms, 5 above. L., white FIVE on lathework across.
- 164. \$10. C., Capitol at Washington. R., State arms, 10 above. L., TEN across.
- 165. \$20. C., State arms; title of bank in red letters above. R., TWENTY, white 20 on red die above, XX below. L., same as right.
- 166. \$50. C., three shipwrecked sailors, one reclining, another seated on a broken mast and a third standing looking through a telescope, title of bank in red letters above. R., spread eagle, 50 on red die above. L., State arms, 50 on red die above.

167. \$100. C., anchor, bales, etc. R., head of little girl, 100 on red die above. L., State arms, C on red die above. Title of bank in red letters.
- 167 1/2. \$500. R., State arms, 500 above. L., ship sailing to the left, 500 above.

Bank of the Metropolis, Second. (Opened in 1863).

Bank of the Republic.

(Opened in 1860. Converted to National Bank of the Republic in 1864).

168. \$1. C., settlers at their devotions, Indians entering the door, 1 each side. R., MASS., 1 above, eagle on a rock below. L., auditor's die, 1 above.
169. \$2. C., fleet of fishing vessels at anchor catching fish. R., sailor, capstan, and anchor, 2 above. L., auditor's die, red 2 above.
170. \$3. C., sailor on beach, anchor, boat, etc. R., Liberty and State arms, 3 above. L., auditor's die, red 3 above, THREE below.
171. \$5. C., Capitol at Washington. R., shop, pilot boat and steam tug, 5 above. L., auditor's die, red 5 above.
172. \$10. C., shipping, wharves, etc. R., table with bust of Washington; old man and child; 10 above. L., auditor's die, red X above.
173. \$20. C., female erect with sword, and eagle on a shield, building in distance, with part of title above and on sides; Washington on left and Martha Washington on right; 20 each side below. R., sailor erect beside capstan, 20 on red-edged die above. L., State arms, 20 on red-edged die above, TWENTY below.
174. \$50. C., 50 DOLLS. in red. R., two children, 50 above. L., State arms, 50 above.
175. \$100. C., 100 DOLLS. in red. R., portrait of Franklin, 100 above. L., State arms, C and HUNDRED DOLLARS above.
176. \$500. C., 500 DOLLS. in red. R., male portrait, 500 above. L., State arms, 500 above.

Bank of the United States, Branch, First.

177. \$50. C., 50 on small die above. L., eagle rampant, olive branch and arrows in claws, U. S. shield upon breast, thirteen stars around head, surrounded by clouds. Department in scrip on die across extreme left end. Dated 29th day of April, 1797. No. 4339. Signed by Thos. Willing, Pres., and G. Simpson, Cash.

Bank of the United States, Branch, Second.

Belvidere Bank.

Blackstone Bank. (Changed to Blackstone National Bank, 1864).

178. \$1. C., 1 on a die on a large 1. R., Indian female erect with bow and spear, ONE above. L., view of Haymarket Square; oxen and load of hay, horses, carriage, etc.; 1 below.
179. \$1. C., shipyard scene, men at work. R., mechanic with sledge, 1 above. L., vessels, 1 above.
180. \$2. R., sailor erect, hand resting on capstan, 2 above. L., view of Haymarket Square, TWO below.
181. \$2. R., boy with rabbits, 2 above. L., sailor, female, vessels, etc., above him, TWO above, TWO below.
182. \$3. C., shoemakers at work and a female attending to her household duties. R., female and 3, 3 above. L., portrait of Washington, 3 below.
183. \$3. R., front view of a ship, 3 above. L., view of Haymarket Square; oxen and load of hay, horses, carriages, etc.; 3 below.
184. \$5. C., large 5. R., State arms, 5 above. L., view of Haymarket Square, load of hay, market wagons, etc., FIVE below.
185. \$5. C., large public building. R., cooper at work on barrels, 5 above. L., female with flowers, 5 above.

186. \$10. C., State arms. R., female with TEN on shield, 10 above. L., Washington, X above.
187. \$10. C., large X. R., female erect, 10 above. L., Haymarket Square, horses, wagons, load of hay, etc., 10 below.
188. \$20. C., view of Haymarket Square, 20 at right. L., female, eagle, and shield, 20 above.
189. \$20. C., eagle, building and steamboat. R., cars, 20 above. L., female holding dove, 20 above.
190. \$50. C., 50. R., female seated holding above her a shield with L on it, cupid on left of shield, FIFTY above. L., Haymarket Square, 50 below.
191. \$50. C., picture of the locomotive America, train of cars, depot, and passengers. R., head of female, 50 above. L., sailor holding a quadrant and leaning on a capstan, 50 above.
192. \$100. C., female seated holding wand, fasces and scales; a shield on which is a steamboat, plow and sheaf, steamship, cars and bridge. R., 100 above. L., female portrait, C above.
193. \$100. C., view of Haymarket Square. R., female, 100 above. L., female, 100 above.
194. \$500. C., D. R., portrait of Franklin, 500 above. L., marine view, ships, steamship, etc., 500 below.
195. \$500. C., view of Haymarket Square. R., male portrait, 500 above. L., eagle and shield, 500 above.

Blake Brothers and Company's Bank.

Boston Bank.

196. \$1. C., harbor scene, vessels and rowboats, city in distance, 1 each side. R., ship, 1 on ONE above, ONE below. L., Indian erect holding a bow, 1 on ONE above, ONE below.
197. \$2. C., same as No. 196, 2 each side. R., State arms, 2 above, TWO below. L., figure of Mercury, 2 above, TWO below.
198. \$2. Same as No. 197, with TWO in red.
199. \$3. C., same as No. 196, 3 each side. R., female erect with shield, 3 above. L., Justice erect, 3 above.



No. 200.

200. \$5. C., same as No. 196, 5 each side. R., ship, 5 above, FIVE below. L., reapers, 5 above, FIVE below.
201. \$5. Same as No. 200, has FIVE in red.
202. \$10. C., large X. R., 10 on strip of lathework. L., female kneeling and raising drapery from a shield on which is an X, 10 below.
203. \$20. R., TWENTY across. L., deck of a ship, a sailor at the wheel, 20 below.
204. \$50. Nautical scene in front of a city, 50 each side. R., female, with view of town and motto, 50 above. L., State arms, 50 above.
205. \$50. Perkins stereotype steel plate.
206. \$100. Perkins stereotype plate.
207. \$100. C., same as No. 204, C each side. R., beehive, 100 above. L., sailor with trumpet on a vessel, 100 above.

208. \$500. C., 500. R., vessels, etc., 500 below. L., sailor standing by capstan, D above.
209. \$1000. C., 1000. R., vessels, etc., 1000 below. L., female, eagle, wreath and scales, M above.

Boston and Lowell Railroad Company (Chartered July 22, 1830).

Boston and Maine Railroad Company (Chartered in 1833).

Boston and New York Central Railroad Company

(Composed of three companies consolidated Dec. 12, 1853, as follows: Norfolk County Railroad, chartered in 1847; Southbridge and Blackstone Railroad Co., chartered in 1852, and Midland Railroad Company, chartered in 1853.)

Boston Penny Savings Bank (Opened in 1861).

Boston and Providence Railroad Company (Chartered July 22, 1831).

Boston and Worcester Railroad Company (Chartered in 1831).

Boylston Bank (Opened in 1845).

210. \$1. C., portrait of Washington, steamship, and locomotive. R., female in a large figure 1, ONE below. L., same as right.
211. \$1. C., two females seated at right and one seated at left of a shield surmounted by an eagle. R., two farmers walking with rake and forks on shoulders, 1 above. L., State arms of Michigan, 1 above, ONE below. (An altered note of the Bank of Wash-tenaw.)
212. \$2. C., blacksmith, anvil, etc. R., eagle on a figure 2, TWO above and below. L., same as right.
213. \$3. R., Indian standing in front of a large 3, THREE above. L., an eagle in front of a large 3, THREE below.
214. \$5. C., an eagle. R., man, boy, and sheep on a letter V, 5 above. L., same as right, with V on FIVE above.
215. \$10. C., large X; portrait of Columbus on left, portrait of Washington on right. R., horses and man, 10 above. L., two men and horses, X above.
217. \$20. C., eagle, XX each side. R., ship, 20 above. L., female seated, 20 above.
- 217½. \$20. C., TWENTY TWENTY above, female stepping into a brook, TWENTY on 20 and DOLLARS on 20 below. R., female portrait, 20 above. L., female portrait, 20 above.
218. \$50. C., man and horse, 50 each side. R. and L., female, FIFTY above and below.
- 218½. \$50. C., State arms. R., female leaning against a column, torch in hand, 50 above. L., express wagon loading goods, 50 below.
219. \$100. C., wharf scene, men loading wagon, horses, shipping, etc. R. and L., ONE HUNDRED and 100, male portrait below.
- 219½. \$100. C., sailor, soldier, flags, fort, cannon, shot, etc. R., female seated with shield on which is city of Boston, C above. L., female beside column, 100 above.
220. \$500. C., girl's head. R., female seated with globe, book, etc., 500 above. L., Landing of Pilgrims, D above and below.
221. \$500. C., 500 and D. R., 500 on a strip of lathework across. L., female seated, men reaping, 500 below.

Brewster, Sweet and Company's Bank.

Broadway Bank.

222. \$1. R., Indian girl seated holding bow and arrows, 1 above. L., machinery, cannon, plow, etc., 1 below.
223. \$2. R., wheels, bale, etc., 2 above. L., same as No. 222, 2 above.
224. \$3. R., machinery, cannon, plow, locomotive and ship, 3 above. L., female seated, 3 above.

225. \$5. C., machinery, cannon, plow and cars, 5 above and below. R., female holding sword and scales, seated on left of shield, 5 above.
226. \$10. C., machinery, cannon, etc. R., X above and below. L., female and State arms, X above.
227. \$20. R., bales, anchor, etc., 20 above. L., machinery, cannon, plow, locomotive and ship, 20 above, XX below.
228. \$50. R., machinery, cannon, plow, etc., 50 above. L., barrels and bales, 50 above, FIFTY below.
229. \$100. R., sailor seated on a bale, 100 above. L., machinery, cannon, etc., C above.
230. \$500. R., female, 500 above. L., machinery, cannon, plow, anchor, etc., 500 above.

City Bank (Opened in 1822).

231. \$1. C., ships, view of city. R., ship sailing, 1 above. L., steamship, 1 above.
232. \$2. C., same as No. 231. R., medallion head, 2 above. L., medallion head, 2 above.
233. \$3. C., same as No. 231. R., medallion head, 3 above. L., medallion head, 3 above and below.
234. \$5. C., same as No. 231. R. and L., medallion head, 5 above.
235. \$10. C., same as No. 231. R., medallion head, 10 above. L., TEN on medallion head, TEN above.
236. \$20. Perkins stereotype plates.
237. \$50. Perkins stereotype plates.
238. \$100. Perkins stereotype plates.
239. \$500. Perkins stereotype steel plates.

Clap, Fuller and Brown's Bank (Liquidated in 1861).

Clark, Cheyney and Company's Bank.

Cochituate Bank.

240. \$2. Have no description.
241. \$5. Have no description.

Columbian Bank (Opened in 1822).

242. \$1. C., female seated, shield and fasces. R., male portrait, 1 above. L., female portrait, 1 below.
243. \$1. C., female seated, bales, boxes, barrels, vessels, etc., 1 each side. R., plow, rake, and spade, 1 above and below. L., female portrait, 1 below.
244. \$1. C., two blacksmiths, anvil, etc., 1 each side. R., female, 1 above and below. L., Washington, 1 above and below.
245. \$2. C., harvest scene, 2 each side. R., female, 2 above and below. L., female, 2 above and below.
246. \$2. C., harvesting scene, girl with rake holding cup to two men, 2 each side. R., female with sickle, TWO above, 2 below. L., female resting her head on her hands, TWO above, 2 below.
247. \$2. C., two ships and schooner under sail. R., male portrait, 2 above. L., Indian kneeling on a rock over a cascade, 2 below.
248. \$3. C., female, eagle, etc., 3 each side. R., sailor, coil of rope, etc., 3 above and below. L., harvest scene, 3 above and below.
249. \$3. C., male portrait. R., female seated holding an oval die on which is a figure 3; bale, barrels, ships masts, etc., THREE below. L., same as right.
250. \$3. C., female, eagle and anchor, 3 each side. R., sailor with hat in hand, THREE above and below. L., man with a scythe, THREE above and below.
251. \$5. C., female, Landing of Columbus, and city, 5 each side. R., portrait of Columbus, 5 above and below. L., portrait of Washington, 5 above and below.

- 252. \$5. C., shipyard, two vessels on stocks. R., female seated in large 5, 5 above. L., portrait of Washington.
- 253. \$10. C., large X, TEN each side. R., portrait of Columbus, 10 above and below. L., portrait of Washington.
- 254. \$10. C., two females operating looms. R., male portrait, 10 above. L., three females on a cliff, TEN below.
- 255. \$20. C., spread eagle on a sheaf, cog wheel, and three vessels. R., female, 20 above. L., female seated on a barrel holding above her a die containing figure 20.
- 256. \$50. C., steamship, 50 at right. L., female, 50 above and below.
- 257. \$100. C., female seated on the ground, shield, eagle, pole, and cap. R., portrait of Columbus, 100 above. L., portrait of Washington, C above.
- 258. \$500. C., Landing of Columbus. R., 500 above. L., Mercury soaring in clouds, holding wand and horn of plenty; 500 above and below.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Prologue, Also Epilogue; or Hail and Farewell.

By CHARLES MARKUS, Davenport, Iowa.

(A paper read before the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, Detroit, Mich., August 21 to 27, 1925.)

For the third successive year Moritz Wormser, President of the American Numismatic Association, in his finite wisdom (but finite in this case only), has seen fit to appoint me the chairman of the Committee on Papers to be read to this convention. Why he did this is one of the inscrutable mysteries. But I am going to let the cat out of the bag and tell you why. On page 624 of the October, 1924, issue of THE NUMISMATIST, my good friend, Farran Zerbe, made a motion to continue the committee under my chairmanship for another year. President Wormser replied that the motion is not in order, because the appointment of committees is up to the President during the year, but you may rest assured he will make a note of it. "He is too good to lose." Oh! flattery, thy other name is Wormser.

I make this explanation because I have been criticised of being seen and heard too much on the floor.

That remark caused me to change the method of selecting contributors of papers.

A notice was inserted in both the July and August numbers of THE NUMISMATIST inviting any and all members to write an article and come to the Convention and read it. That was absolute zero in advertising and did not bring even one reply!

My self-imposed critic did not accept this invitation, so I wrote him a personal letter, in fact two of them, inviting him to contribute. I have been awaiting his paper up to this very hour, but in vain.

One member wrote to me saying: "What would you have done had every one of the thousand members of the A. N. A. sent you a paper to read?"

I replied that I would read until my voice failed me, and until I fell to the floor from exhaustion. Even if I had to request President Wormser to call special sessions morning, noon and night. Even if I had to forego the pleasure of quaffing the 4 by 4 beverage dispensed in the gilded palaces of Windsor. Even if I could not have the pleasure of journeying to the Dominion and join in the singing of that immortal hymn composed by our friend, Elmer Sears, the refrain of which runs as follows: "To hell with Mr. Volstead, God save the King." And to be deprived of all these things would be the superlative height of punishment!

All the business of this convention could be transacted in one day were it not for the many meritorious papers presented here for your consideration and discussion. This paper is not intended as a homily or a lecture to the members assembled here, but the tendency in general among us seems to be, "Let George do it; he has the time." Many of you are very busy men, engaged in pursuits that require your entire attention. A greater spirit

of co-operation ought to be manifested and a sacrifice of time for the benefit of our beloved science. I hope this matter will come up again under the head of new business, there to be discussed and elaborated upon until a more satisfactory system of distribution of work is arrived at.

I have no complaint to make. I have accepted willingly the burden of work imposed upon me, doing the best I could under adverse conditions, and it has bene a labor of love.

I have but one apology to make for appearing before you for the third successive year and that is this:

Among the many bright and brilliant minds that are gathered together at the annual convention "da ist immer ein dummer der sein mau! immer offen hat," and that happens to be me.

Report on Numismatic Text-Book.

By ALBERT H. YODER, Grand Forks, No. Dak.

(A paper read before the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, Detroit, Mich., August 21 to 27, 1925.)

The chairman of your committee on a small text-book of numismatics begs leave to make a report at this time rather than to present a formal paper. I was not able to meet the other two members of the committee during the year. Neither have I been able to prepare the pamphlet for your inspection. During April and May I was East for three weeks and notified the members of the possibility of a meeting in Chicago, but we were unable to get together. The original idea seems, however, even more important to me, and for this reason I trust that the Association will continue the committee for another year and give it an opportunity to do the work which has been assigned to it.

In addition to the above brief report I shall take advantage of the opportunity to discuss a few points in connection with the subject. I am not sure that the right method of attaining our goal is to issue a pamphlet devoted to the subject of money. This would be quite desirable, because we could put into such a pamphlet just what we would like to have children and young people know about the subject. The difficulty comes in securing its general use. First, it would be difficult to sell the pamphlet to the schools, because of the additional cost; secondly, it would be difficult to get the school authorities to make a provision for the use of the pamphlet on account of the overcrowded curriculum. Perhaps it would be better to divide the material into two parts. In one, place the history of money and let this be a chapter in American history. The practical part of the subject could be made a chapter in the arithmetic text-book. Some of the publishers could be induced to include these additions to their present texts and others could be induced to publish the chapters separately and to supply them without expense or at very small expense. I am inclined to favor the latter plan, especially for the work in the upper grades. I should be glad to have expressions of opinion on this question.

I have not been able during the year to test the exercises in the use of money which I wish to include in the practical part of the text. If the committee is continued, I will, however, make every effort to do so during the coming year. I have secured the promise of co-operation on the part of the School of Commerce of the University of North Dakota and shall arrange to have one or two young men conduct a series of exercises in the counting of money and the making of change with a group of boys and girls from both the upper grades and probably the second year of high school. These children will be given tests regularly over a considerable period of time in order to determine their ability to make correct change rapidly. After the preliminary work is over, a series of twenty-five transactions, beginning with the sale of a single ten cent ticket, the amount of money offered varying in each case. Each series of twenty-five transactions will be timed until the pupil has reached a reasonable accuracy and speed. Later, tickets of various values will be sold until the child is able to compute small sales, total the amount and return the proper change accurately and with practical speed. This may seem a very simple matter, but it is not. As a matter

of fact, a great many people do not make change correctly. While preparing this report, such a case comes to hand. A graduate of a supposedly first-class high school took a position in a store where there were several clerks. It was soon found that there were complaints of short change. These were carefully checked and led each time to the same number. It was found that the young lady was perfectly honest, but not only short changed but over changed, and it was finally necessary to ask her to leave the position because of her inability to make change. Also, I recently noted a graduate of the School of Commerce who, without practical experience in change making, served as ticket seller at the State Fair. During the week it cost him more than four dollars of his wages to adjust the shortage. He vouchsafed the statement that selling several thousand tickets at different prices within two or three hours under State Fair conditions was a very real commercial experience. I do not wish to imply that the matter of counting money and making change is of such vast importance that it must be immediately introduced into the curriculum of the public schools, but I do affirm that the education of the average child would be more effective if it included a thorough training in these two practical subjects in place of some of the theoretical and historical mathematical pabulum which is still taught in nearly every school. There will not be much question about the value of the historical part of the proposed text. It is interesting and closely connected with the development of our nation and will not cause any but favorable comments. If there is criticism, it will be on the part of those people who see in the practical part of the plan a scheme to further commercialize education.

There is another matter which I would like to bring to your attention. As the results of the testing of children are gathered we shall get some interesting conclusions, I suspect. If the Association is willing, I should like to be authorized to prepare a story for the press of the results of the series of tests, showing the amount of information and skill which the average high school youngster displays in the matter of counting and changing money and his facility after a certain amount of special training. Such information, I think, would appeal to people in a way to very materially aid us in the plan which we have in mind.

Education is changing much more rapidly now than at any time in history. Within a decade there will be a change in our system of public education. The American Numismatic Association is proposing to make a small contribution to the welfare of society in this matter of a better understanding and use of money. We have chosen the right time in which to make the proposal. Let us take time enough to work it out to our own satisfaction before presenting it to the public. I wish I might hear from the individual members of the Association during the year. I need their suggestions and advice.

COINAGE FOR OCTOBER, 1925.

Following is the number of pieces of the different denominations coined at the mints of the United States during October, 1925, as officially reported by the Bureau of the Mint, Washington, D. C.:

Silver—Quarter Dollars, 7,380,000; Dimes, 3,698,000.

Nickel—Five Cents, 3,684,000.

Bronze—One Cent, 38,932,000.

Coinage executed for other Governments:

Guatemala—Silver, 153,000.

Salvador—Nickel, 1,500,000.

FOREIGN MEDAL ISSUES AND AWARDS.

King George of England has awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Medal to Mrs. Esther Gimson-Bare, M. D., a medical missionary of the Methodist Church serving as superintendent of the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly, India, for conspicuous services to the Empire. She was born in Connecticut and is the daughter of the Rev. John Gimson, of Raritan, Ill. She went to India in 1904.

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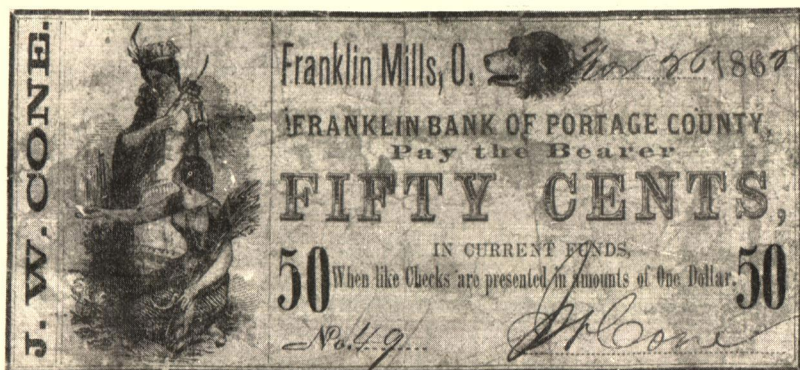
The Cone Scrip.

By WALDO C. MOORE.

"He cometh unto you with a tale which holdeth children from play and old men from the chimney corner."

In 1827 the spot now occupied by Kent, Portage County, Ohio, contained two villages. They were known originally as Upper Village and Lower Village, but, in addition, the upper settlement bore the classic title Carthage, whilst the lower was Franklin Mills, the postal station. The name Carthage, however, died out, and until the present name, Kent, in 1863 was adopted, the villages were called Upper and Lower respectively, and Franklin Mills, collectively.

Much inquiry recently among collectors has been made relative to the scrip issue by one J. W. Cone of Franklin Mills, Ohio. The accompanying illustration, however, is proof that such an issue was made during the early part of the late sixties, actually doing service. This scrip was made redeemable in current funds at the Franklin Bank of Portage County, Ohio.



J. W. Cone was a well-known and prosperous merchant of Kent up to the time of his passing in 1880. Earlier in his business career he was in the drug business. Later he had a grocery store on Erie street, which fact accounts for the scrip issue. The house in which he lived still stands at the corner of Erie and Water streets, almost the center of the town. It is referred to as the old Cone homestead.

The record of deeds in Portage County, Ohio, shows that J. W. Cone of Kent, bought and sold real estate in the township of Franklin and village of Kent from the years 1855 to 1881. The last transaction in which his name appears was in 1881, at which date certain property was then transferred by the administrator of the estate of James W. Cone, deceased.

Pre-War and Present-Day Coin Prices and Values.

By THOMAS L. ELDER.

In this present day of \$9 grand opera orchestra seats, of \$3.50 sirloin steaks, and of \$16-a-day wages for stone masons, one cannot help pausing to inquire whether coin values and coin prices have kept step with these things. The answer must be definitely No. Good times, of course, bring more plentiful supplies of necessary cash funds and help largely to create new demands for merchandise at enhanced values as well as for luxuries and amusements. One well remembers the orchestra seat on Broadway in a vaudeville theatre which, while at the back of the house, was only 30 cents. Add a dollar to this price and you have less than the cost of a similar seat to the same kind of amusement today.

The cost of hobbies, at least coin hobbies, follows rather slowly. The writer does not believe that collector's prices have kept pace with the prices of things in many other fields, although this winter may witness some new records in the various collecting lines here in New York. As to dealers' costs, the sale catalogues which formerly cost 75 cents a page (in 1913) now cost three times that or over, while rent, telephones and other things are several times higher, not to mention quite an advance in the cost of the employment of clerks. Some rents, in fact, have tripled since 1913. The landlord tried to triple mine. That is why I moved to the second floor into a space one-third of what I formerly had, and this tiny space costs me \$1,860 per year.

Yet cataloguers are still confronted regularly with bids of \$1.75 on gold dollars, \$5 on 1856 eagle cents and \$2.55 on quarter eagles. These bids are simply an imposition and a waste of valuable time and effort both on the part of the bidder and the one to whom they are sent. True, some of our collectors are fair-minded and try to make fair estimates of value, but a few others do not, while a few seem to be bargain hunters with a capital B. Everyone realizes that nobody wants to pay a top price for anything, but only the presumptuous want to buy good things for less than half price.

A more fitting appraisal of the cataloguers' and the owners' positions are also in order. This matter also extends into the realm of the amount of commissions to be paid to the cataloguer for offering collections. A good many collectors, and several dealers, seem to think that the same old commissions which prevailed formerly for the work attendant on coin dispersal should now prevail. The cataloguer inquires, How can this be so in view of the above conditions in business and expenses?

Twenty per cent. is not nearly enough commission for selling a collection nowadays unless it be one of valuable pieces or of gold coins. Even the costs of coin photography have greatly increased. There seems to be keen competition to get these big collections. Some are bought outright and afterwards auctioned off, and so keen is this competition that one has to step lively to keep track of the offerings or be in on the deals. Even at 25 per cent. a good many collections do not pay the cataloguer to handle, while "junk" at 30 per cent. is not a paying consignment, although "high prices" for junk may be realized. Prices average up at auction. Some lots go cheap; others go correspondingly high. The average is generally found to be pretty satisfactory to the seller, and also to the buyer, and the highest records have been realized not at private sale but at auction. The Gutenberg Bible, which Dan Kennedy sold some years ago for Hoe at \$60,000 or thereabouts, certainly would never been sold for such a price at private sale.

Collectors should remember this is the day of the 65-cent dollar. A bid of \$1.75 on a gold dollar doesn't mean much over face value according to 1913 standards of value. The writer in his youth remembers an elegant ice-cream soda, with home-made ice-cream, purchased on the best street in his native town for the munificent price of five cents. The same ice-cream soda today costs 25 cents, and so it goes through almost the entire list of commodities and general merchandise. Bids today of 5 to 15 cents on single coins which cost from 20 to 35 cents to describe in a catalogue are humorous if not absurd, and such bidding is, of course, without result, as a rule, or else somebody takes a heavy loss—not, however, the fellow who makes such ridiculous bids.

The mighty Alexander would be a bit abashed to read of bids of \$7.50 on one of his staters; or the immortal Caesar would be surprised at bids of 75 cents on one of his denarii. Four-dollar bids on Roman aurei (with a face melting value of about \$4.50) are not uncommon. At almost every sale we see some bids of face value on gold coins.

It is well to have a saving sense of humor at all times, and 15-cent bids on fine Colonial and Continental currency, the kind Washington paid his soldiers with over 150 years ago, would seem a little too modest in view of present-day conditions. But, like the true optimist of the type suggested by Robert Browning, we have better hopes for the future and only a sense of gratitude towards those collectors who appreciate real values and show by their bidding that they are willing to live and let live. The company of this latter class could well be added to, and it would not hurt numismatics a little bit, either.

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REGARDING MR. MOORE'S RECENT ARTICLES.

In connection with the publication of some of Waldo C. Moore's recent articles it should be stated that the information contained in his paper, "The Franklin Silk Company," in August issue; "Franklin Bank of Portage County," in September issue, and "The Cone Scrip," in this issue, are the result of a visit to Ravenna and Kent, Ohio, following the Cleveland convention of the A. N. A. in 1924. Mr. Moore spent considerable time in that locality gathering the data contained in the articles.

It is in such work as this that Mr. Moore finds one of the greatest pleasures of life. Most collectors are content to acquire specimens only. Mr. Moore is not satisfied with the acquisition of specimens. He considers the history connected with them as important as the pieces themselves. And he has the faculty of getting the information once he goes after it.

His method of collecting is commended to other collectors. In almost every locality there are numismatic specimens that have an interesting history. The search for that data will prove one of the most fascinating pursuits in which a collector can engage. It is sometimes elusive for a while, but with patience and a little work it can almost always be obtained.

MR. ZERBE'S REMARKS AT THE HEATH MEMORIAL DEDICATION.

Upon request, Farran Zerbe has furnished us with a copy of his remarks made at the exercises at the Heath Memorial in Monroe, Mich., during the recent Detroit convention of the A. N. A., which we are glad to publish even after a lapse of three months:

"We meet today to pay tribute to the memory of our founder, Dr. George Francis Heath. No monument we could erect or dedicate to his memory could be greater in its sphere or more enduring than what may now be visioned for the organization that he fathered and which we here present represent—The American Numismatic Association. We are proud of our large membership, its character and its influence—an influence, through our membership, and more particularly through our publication, *THE NUMISMATIST*, that goes beyond the English world.

"The seed from which we have grown is found in a little four-page leaflet, the first '*NUMISMATIST*,' published by Dr. Heath in September, 1888, a bi-monthly that was 'free to patrons, and ten cents a year to others.' From pleas that followed in later issues of this publication our organization found its being. His regard for numismatics is found in an organization plea he published in 1891:

"We have always had unlimited faith in our science. We have great faith in its future. It is the collecting of all collecting. The poor as well as the rich can indulge in it. It is a study worthy your best efforts. Some of the best minds past and present have been devoted to and glorified in it. It is a learned science. Many a tangled web of history has been unraveled by it. Books and records have gone; men and nations have perished from the face of the earth, but the coin, buried for centuries, comes to us resurrected, with the fructified bloom of time on its patinated shroud to complete the record."

"Some may say that Doctor Heath builded better than he knew. Be that as it may, he knew the structure that was needed and the foundation on which it could live, grow and be useful. When our organization was taking form he said: "The Association must be primarily in the interest of the great class of less advanced and beginning collectors.' To be a help to the beginning collector was his aim. May it never cease to be our purpose.

"So long as the past will be searched and the present recorded there will be numismatists, and so long as there are numismatists the name and work of Dr. Heath will be remembered and revered."

NUMISMATICS AND THE A. N. A. TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The issue of *THE NUMISMATIST* for December, 1900, contains the following articles: "The Coinage of the Isle of Man"; "English Trade Tokens of the Seventeenth Century"; "The Study of Medals," by Robert Sneider; "A Mint for Canada"; "A Choice Collection" (poetry). The department devoted to the A. N. A. contains the names of nine new applicants, among which we note that of Judson Brenner, of Dekalb, Ill. (now of Youngstown, Ohio), who has since served the Association as President and chairman of the Board of Governors. In the secretary's report for the year then closing he reports 73 new members, compared with 65 for the preceding year. He also announces the date of August 20, 1901, for the next A. N. A. convention, to be held at Buffalo, N. Y. The editor announces the titles of a number of papers on hand for early publication. Under the caption of "Echoes From the Auction Room" some prices realized at recent auction sales are given, which include Frossard's sale of October 22; the Chapman sale of Nov. 16-17; Low's sale of Nov. 29, and pieces from the collection of F. G. Lawrence, of Sutton, Surrey, England.

To a Tribute Penny.

And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech, so as to deliver him up to the rule and to the authority of the governor. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, and acceptest not the person of any, but of a truth teachest the way of God: Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it And they said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Then render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's.—Luke XX., 20-26.

A Tiberian Denarius.

Two thousand years and many thousand hands
Have touched and tarnished that imperial face.
Through worlds of woe it drifts, could fancy trace
Its wandering way across what burning sands,
And stormy seas and far unhappy lands;
A peasant's penny or a prince's dole
To beggar flung on Galileean strands.
Graved on that metal brow as on a scroll
Is what befell in Palestine the morn
It lay within His yet unwounded palm,
And under His sad eyes, when all the balm
Of unshed tears for man was turned to scorn
Of priestly craft alike and Caesar's Throne:
"To Caesar Caesar's, unto God his own!"

MARTIN L. PIPES.

Portland, Ore.

HUNGARY'S NEW CURRENCY.

Hungary has stabilized its currency at the ratio of 12,500 paper crowns for the new unit, which is called pongo, an old Hungarian word for florin. It will be subdivided into 100 krajcars. Hungarian currency has been stable ever since the League of Nations financial plan took effect last year under the supervision of the American Commissioner General, Jeremiah Smith, but the relation of the paper crown to the new gold standard unit was not finally determined on until recently.

There has been some consideration of making the gold crown the unit at the ratio of 10,000 paper to one gold, but the pongo at the value of 12,500 paper crowns was selected, because, while its value is about equivalent to that of the gold crown, it cannot be so readily figured out in terms of the low value paper currency as if the ratio were 10,000 to one; hence the public will come to conceive of prices according to the new stabilized unit rather than in terms of the huge figures of the old paper.

There was much relief that the paper to gold ratio had not been fixed at any such high figure as 20,000 to one, as that would have sent up the prices of many articles of common consumption, whereas now, it is hoped, prices will tend to fall.

There was a stormy debate in Parliament over the oppositions motion to strike from the inscription of the new coin the words "Royal Hungarian" as the designation of the government. The defeat of the motion emphasized the determination of the majority to consider Hungary a monarchy with a Regent as the head of the State while the throne remains unoccupied.—Newspaper Clipping.

THREE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE IN DEMAND IN COURTROOM.

Arnold Ast, clerk in the court of Magistrate Gresser, Long Island City, N. Y., has a \$3 gold coin for which he has an offer of \$50, but which he cannot sell.

The \$3 piece, dated 1854, was given to Ast by Samuel Blumberg, 687 Rockaway avenue, Brooklyn, who was short of cash, as part payment of a \$10 fine for having soiled license plates. When men in the courtroom began to bid for the coin, lawyers told Ast is belonged to the city and couldn't be sold.—Newspaper Clipping.

NEW ISSUES OF COINS.

From specimens furnished by President Wormser we are able to illustrate several new issues of coins.



Lithuania has recently issued a set of minor coins, 50, 20, 10 and 5 centu, in a metal resembling bronze. The obverses are similar on all four denominations, as well as the reverses on the three higher denominations. The reverse of the 5 centu is of a different type. The obverse of the 50 centu and the reverses of the 20 and 5 centu are illustrated. All are dated 1925.



The Republic of Czechoslovakia has just issued a coin of the denomination of 5 kc. (an abbreviation of 5 kroner) in a metal resembling nickel. It is dated 1925.



A gold coin of the denomination of one dinar has recently been issued by the Kingdom of Hedjaz. This kingdom embraces parts of Arabia, including the holy cities of Islam, Mecca and Medina, but does not include Palestine. A translation of the inscriptions has been furnished by Howland Wood, of New York City.

Obverse—Upper section, "El Husein ibn Ali"; lower section, "The uplifter of the land of Arabia"; side panels, "Slave of God and son of a slave of God"; center, "Of the Hashimi dynasty."

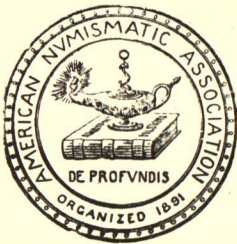
Reverse—Upper section, "Struck at Mecca"; lower section, "The kingdom of the Arabs"; side panels, "Year 8" (1334) (1924 of our era); center, "One dinar."

These gold coins are said to be rare, and when obtainable bring a big price. They are about the size of the U. S. \$5.

DOMESTIC MEDAL ISSUES AND AWARDS.

At the annual painting and sculpture exhibition in the Art Institute of Chicago, October 29, Mr. Albin Polasek won the \$1500 Logan prize and medal. Leopold Seyffert won the Logan medal and \$1000. The Potter Palmer gold medal and \$1000 went to Chester Beach. The W. M. R. French memorial medal was awarded to Emil Zettler.

J. deL.



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REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

New Members to Be Admitted December 1, 1925.

- 2936 Giuseppe Ros, Italian Legation, Peking, China.
 2937 Mrs. Helen L. Boyd, 33 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.
 2938 Ludwig Grabow, 15 Vogelsang, Rostock, Germany.
 2939 Eldridge Tucker, 497 Allison Avenue, Washington, Pa.
 2940 Charles F. Lehrenkrauss, 299 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 2941 John Amos West, Care City National Bank, Wichita Falls, Texas.
 2942 Miss Mildred M. Beims, 731 Leland Avenue, University City, Mo.
 2943 Clyde S. Gehr, Care Dauphin Deposit Trust Co., Harrisburg, Pa.
 2944 V. H. Rathsack, 3118 Leavenworth Street, Omaha, Neb.

Applications for Membership.

The following applications have been received prior to November 15, 1925. If no objections are received prior to January 1, 1926, the applicants will become members on that date and their names will be published in the January issue of THE NUMISMATIST.

APPLICANT

PROPOSED BY

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| Clinton H. Brown (American Colonial and U. S. Coins), | Julius Gutttag |
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| E. J. Maher (United States Coins), | Chris H. Rembold |
| 414 East 16th Street, Covington, Ky. | Harry T. Wilson |
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| Roy C. Kelsey (U. S. Silver Dollars and Half Dollars), | Julius Gutttag |
| 2718 Whitney Avenue, Detroit, Mich. | F. A. Livingston |

Changes of Address.

- Rev. C. A. Lindahl, from Pecatonica, Ills., to North Henderson, Ills.
 John A. Grant, from 916 Trumbull Ave., Chicago, Ills., to 1380 Hyde Park Blvd., Chicago, Ills.
 W. E. Jarvis, from 2613 Rosen Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas, to 2300 West 25th St., Fort Worth, Texas.
 J. U. Gillespie, from 410 Telegraph Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa., to P. O. Box 366, New Smyrna, Fla.
 John A. Klemann, from 116 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y., to 70 Nassau Street, New York, N. Y.
 William A. Dickson, from 1415 Cleveland Place, Denver, Colo., to 1331 Court Place, Denver, Colo.
 Melvin F. Brooks, from 800 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, Calif., to Care Liberty Bank, Vallejo, Calif.
 Henry W. Beckwith, from 102 Barnett Street, New Haven, Conn., to East Lyme, Conn.

Gideon Carlstrom, from 1823 West 54th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, to 1420 West 80th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Joseph E. Helfrich, from 60 Alfred Street, Detroit, Mich., to 686 West Alexandrine Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

Everett L. Granville, from General Delivery, Camden, N. J., to P. O. Box 2, East Brookfield, Mass.

HARRY T. WILSON, General Secretary.

Coin Week in 1926.

To All A. N. A. Members and Good Numismatists, Greetings:

During the past two years the A. N. A. has successfully observed Coin Week with very satisfactory results in bringing home to the public the attractiveness of coin collecting and in presenting the value of numismatics from an educational, economic and artistic standpoint, and all our members have heartily cooperated in various ways to produce this successful result by lectures, radio talks, exhibitions, general publicity and a drive for new members.

Your Board of Governors has just reached the decision that during 1926 Coin Week be again observed, and in accordance with the decision of the Board of Governors I herewith call for its observance during the week from February 14th to 21st, 1926.

Unfortunately, during the 1926 observance your President will not be able to give it as much of his personal attention as on the past occasions, but we feel confident that all our membership, and especially all our associated local clubs and societies, will again engage in similar activities as during the past years, and by your loyal and enthusiastic cooperation along the lines laid out during the past two years will produce the same successful achievement as in former years. We have all had the benefit of the experiences of the past two observances of Coin Week, so that the program to be followed needs no further instructions and comments. I am confidently looking forward to the faithful work of all our members to make the 1926 Coin Week as successful as its predecessors.

With fraternal greetings,

Numismatically yours for a greater A. N. A.,

MORITZ WORMSER, President.

A. N. A. DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1926.

Early in December General Secretary Wilson will send out bills for dues and subscriptions for 1926 to all A. N. A. members, as is his custom. The amount is \$3—\$1 for A. N. A. dues and \$2 for subscription to THE NUMISMATIST. This covers all expenses for the year 1926. A prompt response, with check, will be much appreciated by Mr. Wilson. Attention of the members is called to the fact that subscriptions to the magazine, as well as dues, are payable to the General Secretary, and not to the Business Manager of THE NUMISMATIST. Last year the payment of dues and subscriptions was exceptionally prompt by a large percentage of the members, and this year Mr. Wilson hopes they will be equally prompt.

MR. AND MRS. J. E. MORSE'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday evening, November 14, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morse, of Hadley, Mass., were pleasantly surprised by their neighbors and friends in commemoration of their 25th wedding anniversary, they having been married on November 14, 1900.

The evening was marked with an entertainment, during which the Rev. Mr. Holmes made a presentation speech of a table lamp, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Morse's friends. There were many other remembrances, and one of numismatic interest was that of Mr. Morse's to his wife of 25 new mint lustre 1925 silver dollars.

Obituary.

DR. BENJAMIN DWIGHT PIERCE.

Dr. Benjamin Dwight Pierce, of Springfield, Mass., a member of the A. N. A. as well as the Springfield Coin Club, died at his home, 47 High street, on November 4, 1925, after an illness of a week. He was 66 years old. He is survived by his widow and a son, Dr. J. Dwight Pierce, of Boston, Mass.

He was a veterinary surgeon, having graduated from McGill University, Montreal, in 1881. In 1900, during the Boer War, he was commissioned by the British Government to purchase 10,000 mules and horses in this country for shipment to South Africa. He accompanied the last shipment and spent 16 months there. In 1917, during the World War, he was commissioned by the Government to do research work in Florida.

He served one term as president of the Springfield Coin Club, 1923-24. He was also a thirty-second degree Mason, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Connecticut Valley Historical Association and a number of other organizations.

JOHN G. TUTTLE.

The death is announced of John G. Tuttle, 230 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 15, 1925. Mr. Tuttle was a young man and was a student at the Polytechnic Preparatory Country Day School, Brooklyn. He had been a member of the A. N. A. only a few months, although he had been an active collector for a longer period. His interest in coins was much greater than that of the average young man and he was a thorough student of the subject. His collecting activities included the coins of the United States and the Colonial issues.

A. N. A. SPECIAL COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

President Wormser announces the appointment of the following special committees:

Committee on A. N. A. Publication—A. H. Yoder, chairman, University, N. D.; R. E. Davis, Chicago, Ill.; B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth, Texas; Edward T. Newell, New York City.

Committee on Publicity—Nelson T. Thorson, Omaha, Neb., chairman; Charles H. Fisher, Cleveland, Ohio; Elmer S. Sears, Swansea, Mass.; Alden Scott Boyer, Chicago, Ill.; George H. Russell, Washington, D. C.

Smithsonian Washington Committee (in accordance with Detroit Convention Resolution)—G. H. Emery, Washington, D. C., chairman; F. G. Duffield, Baltimore, Md.; John W. Garrett, Baltimore, Md.

MR. AND MRS. THORSON MOTORING THROUGH SOUTHWEST.

From a letter recently received from Nelson T. Thorson, of Omaha, Neb., we learn that he and Mrs. Thorson, having motored to the last three A. N. A. conventions, have developed the "travel bug" and are now motoring through the Southwest to the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Thorson admits that the object of the trip is numismatics and that he hopes to increase his paper-money collection to a considerable extent.

THE DR. HEATH MEMORIAL MEDALS FOUND TO BE RARE.

When the committee on the Dr. Heath Memorial attempted to locate and obtain copies of the Dr. Heath Memorial Medal, struck in 1910, for use in the bronze tablet placed on the Heath Memorial in Monroe, Mich., recently, they were found to be rare. The only ones that could be located promptly were contributed for the purpose by Waldo C. Moore and Farran Zerbe.

RECEIPTS FOR HEATH MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAILED.

During November President Wormser mailed receipts to all those who contributed to the cost of the erection of the Dr. Heath Memorial in Monroe, Mich., last August. The receipt is in a very attractive form and has on the left an illustration of the permanent stone illustrated in this magazine last month. An illustration of the bronze tablet is also given in a purple tint on the body of the receipt, which is signed by Mr. Wormser as President. The form of the receipt was at the suggestion of one of the A. N. A. members, who proposed that it be made suitable for framing for those who desired it. At the extreme left is given the amount contributed, which may be cut off by those who want to have the receipt framed.

CHAIRMAN H. H. YAWGER IMPROVING IN HEALTH.

During part of October and November H. H. Yawger, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the A. N. A., was in Baltimore undergoing treatment at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. His many friends and acquaintances will be glad to know that he was discharged from the hospital on November 20 and immediately left for his home in Indiana, Pa. During his stay in Baltimore he was accompanied by Mrs. Yawger.

A. N. A. OFFICIALS VISIT THE NUMISMATIST.

During November visitors to the new office of THE NUMISMATIST included President Wormser and Chairman Yawger of the A. N. A. Matters pertaining to the Association were discussed and a limited plan of advertising for the A. N. A. and its magazine were mapped out, in accordance with a resolution passed at the recent Detroit convention.

American Numismatic Society.

The regular Fall Meeting of the American Numismatic Society was called to order on Saturday, November 14th, at 3.04 P. M., Mr. Edward T. Newell, President, presiding.

It was moved that the reading of the minutes of the Spring Meeting be omitted.

Report of the Secretary.

Since the April meeting of the Society there has been a noticeable growth in the use made of our building and its collections. Many of our visitors have come from out of town, and we always make an especial effort to afford these visitors access to any part of our collection not on exhibition. It was with this thought in mind that the insertion in the handbook of the American Numismatic Association was made to read that "our Society extends a cordial invitation to members of the Association, whenever they may visit New York, to make this Museum their numismatic headquarters." In this connection it might be worth repeating that the resources of our Library are at the disposal of any serious writer or student, not only when it is possible for them to come to our Library, but even if it is not possible for them to come, provided that the volume desired is not in constant use or irreplaceable. We want, in so far as it is possible, to remove any impediment to the production of worth-while numismatic publications. Our Curator is constantly placing his experience at the disposal of members or visitors in pronouncing upon the genuineness of coins submitted. Both he and your Secretary have been consulted in connection with medals under consideration by firms in New York, as well as by architects who have been using coin designs in the decoration of banks which they have designed.

This effort to be of service has extended to students who have gone abroad.

At present we have two members who are in attendance at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, and one of them is engaged on the classification of a hoard of Byzantine coins found in the excavations conducted by the school at Corinth during the past summer. Our Associate Curator, Mrs. Brett, rendered like service for coins found during the previous excavations while she was in Athens during the early months of the year. As a result of our connection with the American School we received as a loan from the Associate Director and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Blegen, a hoard of Athenian bronze coins of the first century B. C., found in that city during the past year, and there is every reason to hope for the growth of their interest in numismatics in the American School—a development which may some time bring us into first-hand contact with discoveries such as are constantly being made in Greece.

Our Museum has been visited by classes from Columbia and New York Universities—in the first case under the leadership of the late Dr. Carter, for the purpose of inspecting our Oriental section. The second class was conducted by Dr. Bashford Dean, Curator of Armor at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The subject of his course is "The Art of the Metal Worker," and his appreciation of the importance of coins of the Middle Ages has been shown by the conspicuous placing of a case of coins showing figures in armor in the Main Armor Hall of the Metropolitan Museum.

At the Spring Meeting it was voted that we set aside one Saturday in each month which should be known as "Members' Day," and that an effort be made to have our members accustom themselves to coming here on that day in the expectation of finding fellow-numismatists, and thus providing a substitute for the discontinued evening meetings. Notices have been sent making the last Saturday in each month "Members' Day," and it is urged that this day be set aside so that this plan can be successfully carried out.

The following deaths have been reported since our last meeting:

James W. Ellsworth, Fellow, 1893; Richard B. Seager, Associate, 1921; E. R. Stettinius, Associate, 1915; Zachary T. Hollingsworth, Associate, 1905; John R. Fearing, Associate, 1911.

SYDNEY P. NOE, Secretary.

Report of the Curator.

To the Members of the American Numismatic Society:

Our exhibition of modern contemporary medals closed on April 20th. The balance of the spring and summer was consumed in packing and shipping the various exhibits and rearranging the cases for a new display. The medals in the wall cases have been more or less rearranged, especially in the foreign sections, which have been almost wholly changed, due to the large number of additions as a result of the medallic exhibition.

In the new arrangement of medals the English section, which had previously amounted to but little, has been much augmented and is now fairly representative. In the French section the less important pieces have been weeded out and substituted by a number of really fine pieces. The Finnish section is entirely new.

In the flat cases are shown the coins of Great Britain and her Colonies; France and her colonies; Italy and the Low Countries.

The custom of showing recent gifts and purchases has been revived, and four of the side cases are now devoted to the Society's newer accessions.

Since the Spring Meeting the accessions are as follows: 2203 coins and tokens, 436 medals and decorations, 15 pieces of paper money, 2 dies, 26 encased stamps, 16 money weights. Total, 2698.

The above figures show a decided increase in the number of pieces donated in the corresponding period of time in the previous year.

Mr. Giuseppe Ros has deposited on a long-time loan his collections of Chinese Republican decorations, medals and badges, which he formed while in China. The collection numbers fifteen hundred pieces. The attention of the members is called to a selection of these pieces now on exhibition at the rear of the room. The two chief Orders—the Striped Tiger and the Golden Crops—are well represented in various classes. It is also interesting to note that a large proportion of the badges are of enamel, many of which are cloisonnee. Many of the regular metal badges are simply stamped on one side on thin sheets.

Throughout the year Mr. Gillingham has very generously continued his

policy of adding to the Society's collection of decorations. Some fine examples of the Chinese Imperial Order of the Double Dragon, presented by him, may be seen in the first case of recent accessions.

Mr. Frank I. Liveright has had deposited here for several years his collection of German and Austrian war tokens numbering over 1700 pieces. He has now most generously presented this collection to the Society.

We take great pleasure in acknowledging the gift of a number of very fine Greek coins from Mr. Hoyt Miller. One in particular, a tetradrachm of Gela, has been presented to the Society as a memento of the occasion of his becoming a Fellow.

Mr. William R. Powell continues faithfully to add to the Napoleonic Collection which he presented to the Society several years ago. We are indebted to him for over sixty new pieces.

The Medallic Art Company also keeps on with their kindly habit of sending choice examples of their work as additions to the Society's Cabinets. Several of their more recent gifts are on view in one of the accession cases.

Mr. Charles R. Flint recently sent to the Society a miscellaneous collection of medals and a few coins which he had accumulated at various times, with the suggestion that we retain those pieces which we might care to keep. We greatly appreciated his generosity and were very glad to accept thirty-seven pieces, chiefly Russian medals.

During the summer Mr. Norvin Lindheim worked here in the coin room as a volunteer, with the idea of spending part of his vacation more profitably in this way.

Next Wednesday, at the W. W. C. Wilson Sale, a number of medals in which the Society is particularly interested are to be sold. These are the Indian Peace medals, of which we already have a remarkable collection. We have circularized our Membership for funds toward the purchase of the pieces so much desired. The result has been very satisfactory, although as yet we have not received the full amount for which we made appeal. We require still a few hundred dollars in order to be in a position to obtain all the medals which we have in mind as particularly desirable pieces. To date, we have received \$1,994, with the promise in addition of \$200.

HOWLAND WOOD, Curator.

Report of the Treasurer.

To November 13th, 1925.

General Fund, deficit, January 1, 1925\$2,315.25

Receipts—

Income from investments	\$ 8,887.55
Annual dues	2,095.00
Donations from Mr. Huntington ...	4,500.00

Disbursements—

Salaries	\$10,947.21
Sundries	302.87
Stationery and supplies	544.19
Light and fuel	877.70
Freight and cartage	5.04
Postage, telegrams and telephones.	358.08
Repairs and furniture	169.74
Transferred to Sp. Purchase Fund.	266.94
Transferred to Permanent Fund ..	250.00
Expense of Medal Exhibition	869.18

\$17,247.55	\$14,590.95	\$2,656.60
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Balance after 1924 deficit has been deducted\$ 341.35

HARROLD E. GILLINGHAM, Treasurer.

Report of the Librarian.

Mr. President and Members of the American Numismatic Society:

The Library of our Society has been growing steadily since the report made at the Spring Meeting. This growth has made some shelving changes

necessary—the less used books continue to be pushed out on to the balcony, with the result that most of the available space is now occupied.

We have received some very helpful and desirable additions through gifts. Mr. Gillingham, during his stay abroad, sent several very welcome titles for the section devoted to decorations, as well as an equally welcome cheque to cover expense of binding. From Mr. Robert J. Eidlitz we received a large collection of catalogues and periodicals, which supplemented our files in a surprising number of instances. Mr. Scoville sent us an accumulation of auction catalogues, and his course was followed by a number of other friends of the Library. Through Mr. W. C. Langdon we secured a file of foreign mint reports, as well as other publications devoted to modern medals exclusively.

As usual, our purchases formed the greater part of our accessions. We were fortunate in being able to obtain some much needed pamphlets from the library of the late J. N. Svoronos. Certain of these we had been trying to obtain for years. The addition to our shelves of 23 volumes of the Loeb Classical Library strengthened the field of ancient history, and Tenney Frank's "History of Rome" and Diehl's History of the Byzantine Empire did the same for later periods. We took advantage of one opportunity to secure several books dealing with coin weights—a subject which has been attracting the attention of several European students, and of at least one on this side. A recent treatise in the Journal of the Siam Society provides what is perhaps the first adequate treatment of the coinage of Siam. Hume's "Medical Book of Merit" is an attempt to record "United States Army and Navy Decorations Awarded to Medical Officers for Distinguished Service in the World War." Finally, through purchase as well as by gift, we have materially strengthened our collection of auction catalogues, and especially the priced ones.

One of the activities of the summer has been the preparing of a large accumulation for the bookbinder. After taking care of the periodicals and of the brochures which arrived unbound, it was found that a friendly balance in the Library fund would permit including about one hundred volumes of foreign auction catalogues, and the increased usefulness of these catalogues since they have been bound has unmistakably shown the wisdom of having this done. The amount in hand permitted sending only those of the greatest importance, and these were very carefully selected, and as all branches of collecting are included, the benefit should be considerable.

A note should be made of one other department, which, for lack of better placing, has been put in the care of the Library. It was found early in the year that we could make good use of a collection of lantern slides showing coins, and the beginning of such a collection was made, at his own expense, by our President. Another of our members, Mrs. Brett, learning of this, contributed slides which had been used in lectures given by her, and others are promised. With such a start, it was a great stimulus to receive a cheque for fifty dollars for the further increase of the collection, and inquiries are being made as to what can be obtained abroad. Both the Royal Numismatic Society and the Hellenic Society have collections of slides, and further help to make our collection of these lantern slides what it should be will be welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
 SYDNEY P. NOE.

Report on Indian Peace Medals.

To the Members of The American Numismatic Society:

In the last annual report of this Committee the importance of having a fund that could be used for the acquisition of the very scarce and interesting Indian Peace Medals was emphasized.

The truth of this was demonstrated some months ago when a number of important medals, of which ten were needed in the Society's collection, appeared in a London sale.

As there was less than two weeks time before bids had to be sent, and we had no money that could be used for this purpose, there seemed but little chance of being able to secure any of these medals.

Nothing is lost, however, by making the effort to accomplish what at first seems impossible. Thirteen letters were written to members who might be interested, with the result that we were able to secure four of these medals.

We have added to the collection three other medals since the last meeting, which, considering how scarce these medals are, would be a notable achievement for a full year's effort.

But a greater opportunity is now before us. The Indian Peace medals from the great W. W. C. Wilson collection will be sold at auction next Wednesday. This is the greatest collection of Indian Peace medals that has ever come on the market, and contains twenty specimens that are needed in our collection, and which would put the collection far ahead of any other, either public or private.

We have sent an appeal for funds to many of our members. At least three thousand dollars is needed, and of that \$2204 has been sent in or promised. There are yet a few days, and it is hoped that the full amount will be in sight by the time of the sale.

A detailed report of the Committee's activities will be presented at the annual meeting, and we feel confident that it will show most unusual growth.

We must bear in mind, however, that, even if we can secure all that we need from the Wilson collection, there will still remain much to be done. Desirable additions may turn up from time to time, and we should be in a position to take advantage of such opportunities as may present themselves.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BAUMAN L. BELDEN, Chairman.

New York, November 14, 1925.

Report of Committee on Foreign Medals.

As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Medals, Mr. William C. Langdon reported on the work which was being done as an aftermath of the Foreign Medal Exhibition. By borrowing medals belonging to the Society, in certain national groups, such as Czecho-Slovakian, Finnish and Hungarian medals, he had arranged for the exhibition of these, in one case, in the Bank of Europe for the Czecho-Slovakian display, and in several other groups in the buildings of the branch libraries of the city. This had led to a request for Dutch medals at the Harlem branch on West 115th street in connection with the Centennial of the Library, which is being celebrated this year. There have also been requests for an exhibition of medals by American artists, and through the generosity of the Medallie Art Company it is possible to meet the desire in this case. The interest awakened was genuine and very considerable, and there is prospect of worth-while results.

The work of the Committee was commented upon as being in the right direction by other members present, and the further support of the Society was bespoken.

The President called attention to the bronze bust of the late Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, which had just been placed on exhibition, and which will ultimately be placed permanently in the main exhibition room.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 3.45 P. M.

BRITISH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—Ordinary Meeting, June 24th, 1925, Mr. Grant R. Francis, F.S.A., President, in the chair.

After welcoming the presence of Dr. Hans Holst, of the National Museum, Christiania, the President announced that Mr. J. O. Manton had been unanimously elected a member of the Council in the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dale.

Mr. Morris Boscawen Savage was elected a member of the Society.

Mr. A. H. Baldwin presented to the library, "Men Whose Fathers Were Men: A Story of a Hobby," by Centurion, published by Messrs. A. H. Baldwin and Sons, Ltd. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Baldwin and his firm.

Exhibits were as follows:

By Lieut.-Colonel H. W. Morrieson: Elizabeth, hammered shilling of the mint-mark lys without the inner circle, and of the mint-mark martlet; milled shillings of the mint-mark lys and star; an illustration of the so-called milled half-crown with mint-mark lys.

By Miss Helen Farquhar: Charles I, Scottish gold coins of the year 1637 by Nicholas Briot, who, although appointed in 1635, did not assume office

in Scotland until 1636; unite, Burns No. 1032; half-unite, Burns 1034; eighth-unite, Burns 1037.

By Mr. F. A. Walters: Charles I. Crown, half-crown, shilling, and sixpence of the first issue for Scotland, bearing his name and title, but retaining his father's portrait.

Mr. Andrew read a paper on "The Date of the Introduction of the Mill-and-Screw Process of Coining in the Reign of Elizabeth." Hawkins tells us, said Mr. Andrew, that "in 1561 a new process of coining was introduced by a Frenchman by means of the mill and screw; the name of the Frenchman is unknown, and the whole history of the process and its employment is involved in singular obscurity," and Ruding also believed that the introduction was some time in 1561. But 1561 would be probably the year of its effective use at the mint. The mill had been invented in France and brought, or sent, over by Eloye Mestrell, although it would seem that Philip "Mastrell," presumably his brother or son, operated it here, for he was hanged, drawn and quartered, at Tyburn on January the 17th, 1569, for having counterfeited gold money with it. They could well understand the prejudices of the "Corporation of Moneyers" against the innovation from France of an invention that was destined, a century later, to entirely renovate and standardize the moneys of this country. No doubt the process would be hampered and delayed; in fact he, the lecturer, had suspicions even of the justice of Mastrell's conviction. A record which happened to be quoted by Lady Cave in her "Memoirs of Old Richmond," he thought, threw light upon the obscurity referred to by Hawkins. It was: "On the 10th of July, 1559, the Queen went by water from Richmond to visit her Mint, and coined certain pieces of gold with her own hands." The story rested upon the evidently unexpected incident that Elizabeth "coined certain pieces of gold with her own hands." Being the Queen, gold would, of course, be the only metal used, but the feat was quite impossible for a woman under the old "hammered" system then in use. Under the new process, however, it would be as easy for the Queen to coin milled money as it was for a girl clerk of to-day to imprint a letter by the very similar machine, the modern copying press. Vertue might be cited in corroboration of this inference when he records that, although the Queen liked well the way of making milled money within her Mint, when she knew that the Frenchman who coined it did also at the same time counterfeit and take money out of her Mint, all his friends could not save him. Might they not, therefore, assume that on July 10th, 1559, Elizabeth paid a state visit in her barge to the Tower, to be present at the exhibition and preliminary trial of Mestrell's invention upon its arrival from France; and tested "with her own hands" the new "way of making milled money within her Mint"? In 1559 the lys was the mint-mark in use, and there was a milled "piece of gold" extant bearing that mark. Was it possibly one of those coined by the Queen herself? He was indebted to Mr. Walters for calling his attention to the example, which he believed stood alone in gold.

Mr. H. Alexander Parsons read a short paper on "The Milled Silver Coins of Scotland, Charles II to Anne," and under this illustrated his subject by a remarkably complete exhibition of the coins known of the period. These included a number which were of dates unknown to, or doubted by, Burns, the author of "The Coinage of Scotland." Numerous examples also were shown which, although not seen by Burns, were referred to by him as having been in the cabinets of former collectors.

Mr. Parsons explained that his object was to exhibit and place upon record not only the additional, or previously doubted, varieties, but also all those coins of the period which, although known by repute to Burns, were not actually included in the descriptive lists in his standard work on Scotland's money.

ROYAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.—October 15, Percy H. Webb, Esq., M.B.E., Treasurer, in the chair.

Mr. V. J. E. Ryan exhibited six sestertii of Domitian, including an unpublished piece, rev. Owl S. C., and one of Hadrian with unpublished rev., AN-NONA AVG. and Rome seated to left, PONT MAX. TR. POT., etc.

Mr. William Gilbert showed a sestertius of Livia, wife of Augustus, with large flan, in exceptional condition (Lewis Sale Lot 260); a second brass of Domitius Domitianus (Cohen 1) and another of the rare type reading IMD.

C. LVCIVS DOMITIVS (Cohen 2), the two latter from a find of 23 made in Egypt early in 1924 (22 of type 1 and 1 of type 2).

Mr. L. A. Lawrence showed a specimen in silver of the Phoenix badge of Queen Elizabeth.

Mr. H. P. Hall, L. A. Lawrence and Percy H. Webb exhibited a fine series of coins of Domitian to illustrate Mr. Mattingly's paper.

Mr. Harold Mattingly read a paper on "Some Studies in the Reign of Domitianus." The Flavian dynasty rendered great service to Rome, and Domitian, though hated by the aristocracy, was no unworthy successor to his father and brother. In many points he followed the lead set by Vespasian, notably in his mint arrangements. Some temporary changes at the beginning of his reign were probably the result of the great fire of A. D. 80. The types of the coinage throw much light on the history of the reign. A series of divine attributes, sometimes set on the thrones, which is continued from the reign of Titus, celebrates the "lectisternia" held in A. D. 80 to expiate the eruption of Vesuvius and the great fire. The German wars are illustrated by a fine series of sestertii, by medallions of silver and by the common type of the gold and silver, Germany mourning. The Saecular Games of A. D. 88 are commemorated in almost all their details and the building activities of Domitian are represented by a series of temples on his denarii. The precise meaning of some of the commoner types of the reign, Annona, Fides, Moneta, was discussed and some light was thrown on Domitian's cult of Minerva and his own pretensions to divinity.

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Regular meeting of the New York Numismatic Club held on Friday evening, November 13th, 1925, at the Kloster Glocke Restaurant, 327 Fourth Avenue, New York City, Mr. J. M. Swanson presiding. Present: Messrs. Case, Swanson, Wood, Schulman, Gutttag, Valentine, Blake, Livingston, Robertson, Miller, Merritt, Zerbe, Firestone and Wormser. Visitor, Mr. Julius Metzler.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Exhibits were as follows:

Messrs. Wood and Firestone: Spanish Dollars counterstamped by J. Muir, of Paisley; Lanark Mills, T. Shields & Co., and Severn Mills; Spanish Dollars counterstamped by Bank of England; two varieties counterstamped crown over W. R. for Sierra Leone; Holey and Dump, of Australia; also an assortment of counterstamped pieces of Brazil, Malta, Colombia, Trinidad, and two pieces of Puech, Bein & Co., of New Orleans, one piece having the counterstamp canceled with a punch mark "Bad." In addition to the foregoing, a Roman piece counterstamped in 1652 by Spain, "4 maravedi."

Mr. Robertson: French ecu of 1740 counterstamped for Berne; Costa Rica, 50 and 25 centavos raised in value in 1923 to 1 colon and 50 centavos, respectively; Brazil, 960 Reis counterstamped by John, Prince Regent, on 8 reales of Bolivia; Guatemala $\frac{1}{2}$ real, 1894, counterstamped on Peruvian sol.

Mr. Miller: Pieces of Malta with various counterstamps.

Mr. Gutttag: Several pieces with plantation counterstamps; also an unpublished Civil War token in silver.

Mr. Wormser: Counterstamped pieces of West Indies, South America, two pieces of Brazil with one counterstamp superimposed upon another, Rothsay Mills on Nueva Vizguaya, Ulrich of Wurttemberg, Rietberg, Julich, Russia, 1655, Mary Queen of Scots, and a large series of the Franconian district.

The Secretary read a letter from the New York Junior Numismatic Club inviting the members of this Club to an exhibition of British Coins scheduled for November 20th, and was instructed to convey the thanks of this Club to the Junior Club for its kindness.

The Executive Committee reported progress.

The Nominating Committee submitted its report, as follows:

For President, Moritz Wormser.

For Vice-President, George H. Blake.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Thomas S. Miller.

For Executive Committee, Jonathan M. Swanson, chairman; D. W. Valentine, Fred. C. C. Boyd, Edward T. Newell.

For Publication Committee, Howland Wood, chairman; Francis A. Livingston, John M. Montgomery.

For Membership Committee, Rud. Kohler, chairman; Fred. E. Merritt, Julius Gutttag, Elliott Smith, Thomas L. Elder.

For Medallion Art Committee, Robert Robertson, chairman; Bauman L. Belden, E. Beesley, Archibald Firestone, L. V. Case.

On motion made and carried, the report was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Zerbe gave a short talk regarding a suggested coinage as a substitute for paper dollar bills on account of the comparatively high cost of the latter.

It was decided that the topic for the December meeting be "New Acquisitions," this on account of the time which will necessarily be consumed by the annual election of officers, which will take place at that meeting.

Adjourned.—THOS. S. MILLER, Secretary 1156 Old Town Road, Dongan Hills, Staten Island, N. Y.

DETROIT COIN CLUB.—The Detroit Coin Club met on Thursday evening, October 15, 1925, at the Dime Bank Building. The members present were: Messrs. Allen, Christianson, A. A. Grinnell, Green, Hoare, Helfrich, Hutchinson, Newcomb, Powell, Rapp, Stewart and Watson.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Christianson: Spanish and English dollars.

Mr. Watson: Roman denarii and Chinese amulets.

Mr. Hoare: Centennial medals.

Mr. Newcomb: Confederate half dollar, restrike.

The Detroit Coin Club held a meeting on Thursday evening, November 5, 1925, at the Dime Bank Building. The members present were: Messrs. Allen, Green, Hoare, Hutchinson, Kutukian, Newcomb, Powell, Rapp and Watson.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Rapp: U. S. gold dollars.

Moved, supported, and carried that the Club observe Coin Week again next year, 1926.

Meetings adjourned, 11.45 P. M.—A. C. HUTCHINSON, 271 Lakewood Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB.—The seventy-eighth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in Room 1405 Hartford Building, Wednesday, August 5, 1925. Those present were Mrs. Rackus, Messrs. Backe, Binder, Blomquist, Brown, Carlsen, Davis, DeCou, Dunham, Golding, Hartell, Hoffman, Hoogenboom, Jackson, Jonas, Josephson, Kelly, Lawless, Dr. Luttenberger, McKinley, Dr. Rackus, H. W. Sternberg, Earl Sternberg, Strubinger, and Wilson. Mr. Golding, of Chicago, and Mr. B. H. Saxton, of Sioux City, Iowa, were visitors. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Kelly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The rules were suspended and Mr. L. Binder and Mr. A. S. Hoffman were elected to membership.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Wormser relative to the Detroit Convention. Mr. Wilson spoke briefly of the Dr. Heath Memorial. Mr. Dunham was appointed as our voicing delegate to the convention.

Mr. Saxton spoke upon the pleasure and profits of numismatics.

The exhibits were as follows:

By Mr. Sternberg: 1823 cent, uncirculated.

By Mr. Carlsen: Specie and half specie of Christian IV for Denmark, and specie, $\frac{1}{2}$ specie, $\frac{1}{4}$ specie, $\frac{1}{8}$ specie of Christian IV for Norway.

By Mr. Josephson: 5, 10 and 15 cent notes in sheets, of private firms.

By Dr. Luttenberger: Dollar, 1794; quarter, 1796; cent, 1793; \$2 note with an inverted reverse.

By Dr. Rackus: Russian silver bar money, 1100-1300, and 30 groschen, gold, of Lithuania, 1565.

By Mr. Lawless: Two large Bryan satirical pieces, "16 to 1 nit," and "16 to 1 I don't think."

By Mr. Golding: Proof gold and silver set of 1913, William II of Germany; gold and silver proof set of 1913 of Ludwig of Bavaria; set of porcelain money of Saxony, and a large collection of metallic tokens and necessity money of Germany.

By Mr. Saxton: Some medallions and a large number of very fine Roman first bronzes, a number of which were of great rarity.

The meeting was then adjourned.—R. E. DAVIS, Secretary, 1447 East 66th Place, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB.—The seventy-ninth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at 940 North Clark Street, Chicago, Wednesday, September 2. Those present were Mrs. Boyer, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Ripstra, Mrs. Sternberg, and Messrs. Backe, Bloomquist, Boyer, Carlson, Davis, Dunham, Grant, Hartell, Hoogenboom, Golding, Hoffman, Jonas, Josephson, Koenker, Kelly, Kopicki, Lawless, Ripstra, Sternberg, and Samuel Wilson. The meeting was called to order by President Boyer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Harry Yawger relative to the A. N. A. Year Book.

Mr. Dunham spoke of the exercises at the Dr. Heath Memorial. Messrs. Lawless, Ripstra, Sternberg and Boyer gave accounts of the Detroit Convention.

The exhibits were as follows:

By Mr. Sternberg: Uncirculated small date cent of 1828.

By Mr. Boyer: Triobol of Aegina, and a cent of 1823 with broken die.

By Mr. Davis: Several Civil War sutlers' tokens.

By Mr. Backe: The Norse-American medal.

By Mr. Jonas: Medals of Michael Angelo and Pope Pius X.

By Mr. Dunham: Tokens of Upper Canada.

By Mr. Koenker: Examples of the silver coinage of Charles I, the Commonwealth, Charles II, James I and Victoria.

By Mr. Lawless: Early store cards of Chicago and Buffalo.

By Mr. Wilson: Half dollars of 1826, and a proof of 1891, and a quarter of 1832.

By Mr. Golding: Medals of Hamburg City Hall and other German medals, and a large collection of German necessity money.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.—R. E. DAVIS, Secretary, 1447 East 66th Place, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO COIN CLUB.—The eightieth meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at 940 North Clark Street, Chicago, Wednesday, October 7. Those present were Mrs. Boyer, Messrs. Backe, Boyer, Bloomquist, Brown, Carlson, Davis, DeCou, Dunham, Golding, Gross, Hartell, Hoogenboom, Jonas, Josephson, Kelly, Kopicki, Lawless, McKinley, E. Sternberg, H. Sternberg, Dr. Rackus, Strubinger, Wendt and Wilson. The meeting was called to order by President Boyer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The rules were suspended and Earle Sternberg was elected to membership.

Mr. Lawless gave an interesting talk on Chicago store cards.

Mr. Wilson gave his version of his trip to the Detroit Convention.

Mr. Josephson gave an account of the recent use of Confederate currency in Chicago.

Dr. Rackus read a very scholarly paper on the origin of the word "shilling" or "skilling," which he illustrated with examples from his collection. Dr. Rackus also described the three-groschen piece of Lithuania of 1655, which he exhibited. Only two examples of this coin are known, the other being in the museum of Petrograd.

Mr. Dunham presented the Club with a collection of 40 large copper coins.

The exhibits were as follows:

By Mr. Strubinger: 1793 cent, Crosby 9-H.

By Mr. Sternberg: An uncirculated cent of 1806.

By Mr. Wilson: A collection of forty pieces of Continental currency.

By Mr. Davis: A collection of 35 Civil War tokens issued in Milwaukee, and a dollar of Yu an Shi Kai.

By Mr. Wendt: The California half dollar.

By Mrs. Boyer: A Pine Tree shilling.

By Mr. DeCou: A number of French medals.

By Mr. Lawless: Twelve early Chicago store cards and one of Loomis of Cleveland.

By Dr. Rackus: Ring money from the Baltic provinces.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.—R. E. DAVIS, Secretary, 1447 East 66th Place, Chicago, Ill.

NEW YORK JUNIOR NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Minutes of a regular business meeting of the New York Junior Numismatic Club held Thursday even-

ing, October 15, 1925, at 644 Admiral St., Middle Village, Long Island, at 9.10 P. M., with Messrs. Stanicich, Klein, Condon, L. Steidel, Metzler and Fishburne present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of Secretary and Treasurer were accepted as read.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Stanicich: A Jewish shekel, a copy carved from a silver planchet of size and thickness of U. S. half dollar. Obverse, pot of manna; reverse, Rod of Aaron, the workmanship of which is very crude.

Mr. Klein: Jewish shekel, same type as mentioned above, but this copy is a composition of lead and pewter and struck, not cast or carved.

Mr. Condon: European half thalers.

Mr. Steidel: Germany, new issues, 1, 2, 3 marks in silver, 1925.

Mr. Fishburne: English medals in bronze of all the Georges.

Meeting adjourned 10.15 P. M., after refreshments.—ADOLPH KLEIN, Secretary, 153 Ackroyd Avenue, Jamaica, New York City.

NEW YORK JUNIOR NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Minutes of a regular meeting of the New York Junior Numismatic Club held on Monday evening, October 26, 1925, at 9 P. M. at 153 Ackroyd Ave., Jamaica, Long Island. Messrs. Julius Metzler, Adolph Klein, Leo Steidel, Leroy Fishburne and Trifone Stanicich were present.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Fishburne: Coins and tokens, in silver and copper, of England.

Mr. Klein: Aluminum war coins of German municipal states.

It was arranged that the subject for the next meeting, which is to be held at 1234 Fulton St., Brooklyn, be "English Series."

Meeting adjourned at 9.45 P. M.—ADOLPH KLEIN, Secretary, 153 Ackroyd Avenue, Jamaica, New York City.

SPRINGFIELD (MASS.) COIN CLUB.—Regular meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. at 7.30 P. M., November 11, 1925. Members present: Messrs. Spencer, Kohler, Pond, Drowne, Emery, Morse, Parsons and Kohler. Vice-President Luman S. Drowne presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted, also the Treasurer's report.

Two new junior members were elected to membership. This is the result of Mr. Oliver's activities in interesting the high school students in numismatics.

Exhibits were as follows:

Mr. Morse: A complete set of Alabama 5c notes, series A to U, inclusive, dated January 1, 1863. Mr. Morse presented the two juniors with a number of uncirculated 5c. pieces as a nucleus for their collection, also a number to the club.

Mr. Kohler: Two each of the Paul Revere and Bunker Hill medals, along with an extensive line of other medals in various metals; also a complete set of two each of all the Commemorative half dollars issued by the Government.

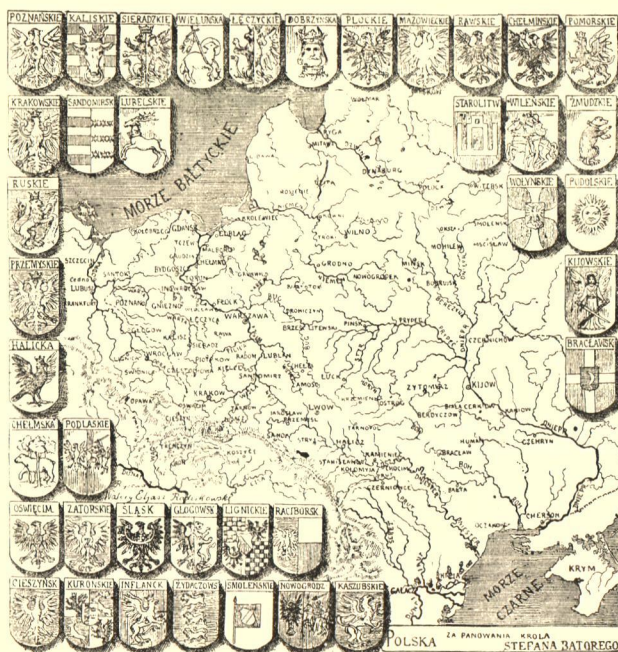
Following an auction, the meeting adjourned at 9.00 P. M.—W. C. EMERY, Secretary, 318 Main St., Springfield, Mass.

THE WORLD'S SMALLEST GOLD COIN.

What is said to be the smallest modern gold coin in the world is the gold franc on which the budget of the League of Nations is to be calculated. This coin is octagonal in form. On one side are engraved the letters "S. D. N.," which stand for "Societe des Nations." The weight of the coin is only .03225805 of a grain, approximately one-half the weight of a grain of wheat.

Referring to the coin, the Westminster Gazette says: "The gold franc, which is the basis of all the monetary transactions of the League of Nations, is solely an expression of values, and does not exist as metal currency. But a single coin to represent this monetary unit has now been struck, and it contains the exact ingredients in value."

COINS OF POLAND OF THE CITY OF DANZIG, 1576-1586.



Map of Poland during the reign of King Stephen Batory, 1576-1586. Then the Baltic Sea, with Prussia and Danzig, belonged to Poland.



Coins of Poland of the city of Danzig, 1576-1586. The above coins prove that Danzig has always belonged to Poland. The inscription on one side is "Stephen, King of Poland"; on the other side, "Solid of the City of Danzig."

REV. JOHN SUCHOS.

FOOLISH MONEY INQUIRIES RELATED BY MR. ZERBE.

In referring to his money exhibition work Farran Zerbe told during the A. N. A. convention at Detroit some things regarding its development and some amusing inquiries occasioned by his invitation to the public to ask for any kind of money. Mr. Zerbe said:

"I pursue numismatics commercially, and yet I am not a dealer. I seldom sell a specimen, but I endeavor to continuously sell looks at them. So far as I know, I am the only one who gets paid for and makes a business of letting people look at his money.

"My work is exclusively for banks and is largely the development of suggestions by bankers. It was from a banker, when I was a youngster, that I first learned that there were many different kinds of money. That started me collecting. The educational exhibition I now make is the outcome of having loaned a banker, at his request, some specimens for exhibit purposes. He reported the exhibit attracted people from miles around and suggested the idea which I have since developed. My first exhibits were comprised of what I carried in two hand grips. My outfit now weighs over a ton.

"The sign that leads to interesting as well as amusing inquiries was provided by a banker. I was exhibiting in one of the larger cities and the old president of the bank was continually asking for some particular specimen. Fortunately, I could always point it out to him. One day he asked if there was any kind of money I did not have. I answered: 'Yes, many kinds; the subject is so great that no one should hope to have every kind.' He said: 'I'll be blinked if I can ask for anything you cannot show; I've tried to stump you.' Without consulting me, a few hours later he had a sign up: 'Try to ask for a kind of money we cannot show.' The invitation took with the public and I have had the sign renewed several times. It produces constant inquiries for coins mentioned in history and fiction and the generally known popular rarities, and the old jokesmith's 'wooden money,' 'leather money,' 'rubber money,' '\$11 bills,' etc. All of which I try to have on display.

"I have some fun over the foolish inquiries. Requests to see money that cannot be lost playing the ponies, gambling, or in the stock market, are frequent. Among recent unusual inquiries were:

"A woman, in all seriousness, wanted to see a 'Latin quarter.' She said she had heard that Latin quarters were very interesting but had never seen one. A bunch of school boys wanted to see a 'skunk (s)cent.' A man asked to see 'an American dollar that did not have the eyes of the world on it,' and another asked for 'the coi(g)n of vantage.' A young bank examiner in Chicago asked if I had any 'call money.' I jokingly told him I was not in Wall Street now. Saying, 'Let me give you a specimen,' he handed me a telephone slug. Asked for the 'widow's mite' when my attention was otherwise occupied, I said, pointing to a tray near by, 'You will find a specimen there.' I received a retort: 'I don't want to see a specimen; I asked to see a widow's mite.'

"To many, obsolete bank notes, of which I show thousands, are considered real money at their 'face.' Considerable interest is shown in those of large denomination. Not long ago I overheard: 'Vy shood a Ghendile have all dis money.' "

THIS WAS PRINTED ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

We are glad to find that the Bank of North America has issued a new impression of one and three dollar notes. These notes are elegantly engraved by Messrs. Fairman, Draper, Underhill & Co., and are printed on a strong and handsome paper. Their circulation will lessen the perplexities often arising from the want of change and, we hope, will have the salutary tendency of repressing the circulation of the small notes of the country banks and of the banks of other States, many of which have been counterfeited and, when genuine, are frequently in such a dirty, ragged state as to require a premium for their exchange, which operates very oppressively on the poorer classes of the community.—From Poulson's Advertiser of November 12, 1825.

THE CALIFORNIA DIAMOND JUBILEE HALF DOLLAR.



After some delay we are illustrating here the California Diamond Jubilee half dollar recently issued. Specimen from J. deLagerberg, East Orange, N. J.

MR. ZERBE'S REFERENCES TO HEATH HUMOR.

In his remarks at the A. N. A. banquet during the recent Detroit convention of the A. N. A. Farran Zerbe referred to the late Dr. Heath as a humorist, evidencing it with the following writings of Dr. Heath in the early issues of *THE NUMISMATIST*:

October, 1890: "There is occasionally sent to the Mayor of our city by some doubting Thomas inquiry as to our reliability. Now, we don't object to this, but we fear our friends will not be doing themselves justice in this way, for they are apt to get a prejudiced reply for, fortunately or unfortunately, we happen to be the Mayor of the City of Monroe."

May, 1891: Answering a complaint that an illustration of a Chinese coin in a previous issue was "bottom side up". "We plead guilty; it is; it is also reversed. We especially stated that that number was a cater to our subscribers in China. Everything is reversed there to what it is here. So far we have had no complaint from that quarter. Our Melican readers can obviate the difficulty in either of two ways: By turning the paper or themselves bottom side up. Hereafter we propose to do our duty to our English readers."

NEW USE FOR RARE METALS.

A new field of use for the rarer metals has been discovered by the Chemical Society of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. The local organization, known as Chi Sigma, annually presents a medal made from one of the rare elements to the freshman winning in a contest in chemistry, given during the latter part of the year.

This year's contest was won by Robert Dodd, who was presented with a medal of pure tantalum. The winner the preceding year received a gold medal. Tungsten will be the medal next year. Considerable interest has been shown in this contest as 400 students entered. The oddity of the prize has created much favorable comment and has awakened an interest in the rare metals.

The tantalum was procured from the Fansteel Company. Considerable difficulty was encountered in obtaining a firm which would engrave the medal.—*Journal of Industrial Chemistry* (Chicago).

WASHING MONEY.

An opportunity to see \$5, 10 and \$20 bills being washed and ironed was offered recently in a window of a store in Wilkesburg, Pa., says Good Hardware.

Electric washers and ironing machines were being demonstrated. A bank sent a sum of greasy old paper bills to be laundered. The washing and ironing machines did the rest. In a few minutes the grease had disap-

peared and in place of the soiled bills there was a roll of crisp, clean paper. A capacity crowd looked on. The sidewalk and the main aisle of the store were jammed, so great was the interest in the laundering of paper money.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Nobody wore a wrist watch.
 We put our shirts on over our heads.
 Women didn't vote.
 Anybody could hitch up a horse.
 There were no water meters.
 A maid cost two-fifty a week.
 Everybody had tonsils and kept them.
 Nobody had appendicitis.
 A five-cent cigar was made of tobacco.
 We collected cigarette pictures.
 And tobacco tags.
 And old coins.
 And stamps.
 And catnip.
 Everybody kept a dog.
 Who didn't keep a cat?
 And a lot more people kept the Sabbath.

—Oklahoma Odd Fellow.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC.,

Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Numismatist, published monthly at Federalsburg, Md., for October 1, 1925.

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore: ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and City aforesaid, personally appeared F. G. Duffield, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Business Manager of The Numismatist, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912.

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F. G. DUFFIELD, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of November, 1925.

(Seal)

E. K. EDWARDS.

(My commission expires May 2, 1927.)



Just a Moment, Please

When you contemplate the sale of your Collection, remember that good intentions, however laudable they may be, is not what makes a sale a success.

A dealer must have the confidence of the buyers, besides the experience, source of his selling field and system of Sale, where the advantages are fair and equitable to both the buyer and seller. And then—

Ask yourself this question:

Is the dealer financially responsible?

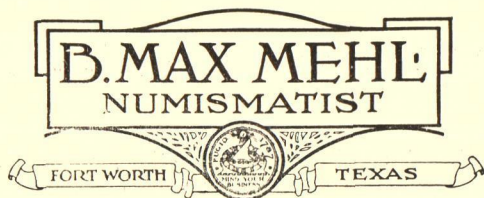
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